

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 20, 2004

H.R. 3754 Fraudulent Online Identity Sanctions Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on May 12, 2004

H.R. 3754 would increase the maximum prison sentence for persons committing crimes using a domain name (Internet address) that is registered using false identification. According to the United States Sentencing Commission, prosecutions for using a domain name in the course of committing a crime are rare. The bill also would amend the law pertaining to the prosecution of copyright and trademark violations. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3754 would not have a significant effect on spending, subject to appropriation, and would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 3754 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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